

August 6, 2004

**HAND DELIVER**

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: Capacity Assignment - D.T.E. 04-1

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company to the Fourth Set of Information Requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy for filing in the above-referenced proceeding.

Please call me if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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**THE BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY  
D.T.E. 04-1**

**Fourth Set of Information Requests of  
The Department of Telecommunications and Energy**

**Request:  
DTE 4-1**

For the time period 2001 through 2004, please provide peak and off-peak variances between forecasted and actual usage for non-daily metered customers.

**Response:**

Summary of Non-Daily Metered Variances		
Period	Variance Dth	Variance %
Winter 2000-2001	(6,493)	-2.50%
Summer 2001	10,300	7.38%
Winter 2001-2002	14,448	2.38%
Summer 2002	(7,962)	-3.33%
Winter 2002-2003	(45,140)	-6.10%
Summer 2003	18,371	7.73%
Winter 2003-2004	(4,639)	-0.71%

**THE BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY**  
**D.T.E. 04-1**

**Fourth Set of Information Requests of  
The Department of Telecommunications and Energy**

**Request:**

**DTE 4-2**

Please provide variances between forecasted and actual usage for non-daily metered customers for the following time periods: May 2001-April 2004; Nov 2001-April 2004; May 2002 – April 2004; Nov 2002 – April 2004; May 2003 – April 2004; and Nov 2003 – April 2004.

**Response:**

Summary of Non-Daily Metered Variances		
Period	Variance Dth	Variance %
May 2001 - April 2004	(14,622)	-0.56%
Nov 2001 - April 2004	(24,922)	-1.01%
May 2002 - April 2004	(39,370)	-2.11%
Nov 2002 - April 2004	(31,408)	-1.93%
May 2003 - April 2004	13,732	1.54%
Nov 2003 - April 2004	(4,639)	-0.71%